

REMARKS

Reconsideration of this application and entry of the foregoing amendments are respectfully requested.

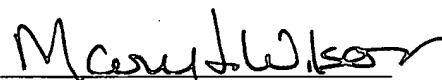
New claims 17-19 have been added. The new claims are fully supported by an enabling disclosure (see, for example, Tables II and III, the sequence information provided in Figure 5 and the reference at page 9 to citations describing the genomic sequencing of *C. elegans*).

This application is submitted to be in condition for allowance and a Notice to that effect is requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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